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Inspection of immigrants at the subports of Porto Rico during the week ended October 20, 1900.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *October 22, 1900.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at subports of Porto Rico during the week ended October 20, 1900.

Mayaguez.—October 19, provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago de Cuba, Santo Domingo, Macoris, Ponce, with 1 immigrant.

Other subports, no transactions.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow—Status of plague.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *October 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended October 13, 1900: Nine vessels were inspected and received bills of health. Three of these vessels were sailing for Canadian ports. There were also inspected crew, 400; cabin passengers, 245; steerage, 36; cattlemen, 61. Thirty-six pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 8 pieces disinfected. No member of crew or passenger was rejected.

The health of this port remains practically the same as at my last report. There has not been a new case of plague for more than three weeks, and the last death occurred on the 6th instant. There have been to date 28 cases with 8 deaths, leaving 20 cases now in hospital. I would call attention to an error in the New York Medical Journal's plague report for September 22 appearing in the issue of that journal for the 29th ultimo. It is there reported that there were 12 cases of plague in Govan on September 4. This should have been 1 case. One death occurred in Govan and was certified as plague. One case of suspected plague was removed from the same borough to Shuldahall Hospital as doubtful plague, and the diagnosis was never confirmed, but probably it was not plague. Two other cases were removed from the Western Infirmary to the Glasgow Fever Hospital, both residing in Govan. The first was pneumonia, and after much discussion has, I think, been decided to have been simple pneumonia. The other was bubonic, and as he had been ill for several weeks no bacteriological diagnosis could be made. Probably this case was plague. He died on the 6th instant. The above 4 cases represent the total of plague or suspected plague in Govan.

An inspection has been established by the board of health of Glasgow of vessels leaving for French ports. This is done in order to avoid detention at those ports. I am informed that vessels leaving here for Canadian ports have been held at Grosse Isle Quarantine Station to complete fourteen days from this port, although they have been inspected and certified at this port.

Respectfully,

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